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The commercial fishing industry strongly countered opinion in the Wall Street Journal that the EPA is overreaching with its watershed assessment of Bristol Bay.

John Fairbanks, board member of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, wrote in a letter to the editor: "The Pebble mine's hundreds of jobs pale in comparison to the 14,000 current jobs tied to the sustainable Bristol Bay salmon fishery, an industry that requires a healthy habitat. This may be the only time my industry and the EPA agree; swapping 14,000 fishing jobs for 1,000 foreign mining jobs isn't good math for America or Alaska."

A Bristol Bay business owner, Alaskan and sportsman disagrees with Pebble Partnership CEO John Shively that the Bristol Bay sport fishing industry doesn't add much to the economy. "Pebble, thus far, has failed to take into account the recreational experience anglers to Bristol Bay are seeking when evaluating the mine's impact on the region," writes Chuck Ash in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. "Additionally, the sport-fishing industry in Bristol Bay directly generates more than \$60 million dollars each year — and that doesn't include the more ancillary expenditures."

A newspaper profiles the Pietron family, a Minnesota clan that's been commercial fishing Bristol Bay for two generations, since 1979. They sell their fish to processors in Alaska, coops in Minnesota, and other grocers in the Midwest.

Finally, speculation continues to swirl around who will replace Cynthia Carroll, CEO of the bigger Pebble partner, Anglo American, who announced her resignation last week. Others are wondering how a leadership change might affect the company's outlook on the Pebble project. In the meantime, sit-ins, labor disputes and uncertainty continue at some of Anglo's South African mines.

For more information, visit http://www.savebristolbay.org

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EPA is Right on Pebble Mine Project

John Fairbanks, BBRSDA

Wall Street Journal

Critical detail is lacking in the letter of Oct. 20 from the Alaska Miners Association's Deantha Crockett. The Pebble project mine's hundreds of jobs pale in comparison to the 14,000 current jobs tied to the sustainable Bristol Bay salmon fishery, an industry that requires a healthy habitat. This may be the only time my industry and the EPA agree...Click here to read more Pebble can't dismiss sport fishing: Bristol Bay lodges and guides are important for our lifestyle, economy

Chuck Ash

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

Earlier this month, experts gathered to review Pebble Partnership's baseline studies in the Pebble Keystone Dialogues. On Oct. 11, experts critiqued Pebble for downplaying the importance of sport fishing and recreation to the Bristol Bay economy. Moreover, John Shively, Pebble Limited Partnership's CEO, brushed off a question about assessing the larger recreational experience angler...Click here to read more

Corporate changes in Anglo American raise questions about Pebble

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

Corporate leadership charges are underway at the international mining firm behind the big push to develop the Pebble mine, but

what effect this may have on the multi-million dollar project is still uncertain.

"It's an Anglo American decision," said John Shively, chief executive officer of the Pebble Limited Partnership in Anchorage, of the announcement that Cynthia Carroll will step down as chief executive of Anglo American...Click here to read more

Pebble partner looks for new leadership

Mary Lochner

Anchorage Press

The head of mining giant Anglo American stepped down Oct. 26 after shareholders expressed concern about where the company is headed, reports the London Evening Standard. The former CEO, Cynthia Carroll, was hired to the position in 2007...Click here to read more

Salmon fishing in Alaska is Pietron family affair

Jennie Zeitler

Morrison County Record

Roger and Sue Pietron of Cushing made their first trip to Alaska in 1970, after Sue's sister and brother-in-law moved there. "After that, we went back almost every summer," Sue said...Click here to read more

AngloGold Suspends operations because of sit-ins

Carley Petesch

The Columbus Dispatch

JOHANNESBURG -- AngloGold Ashanti said today it suspended operations at two mines in South Africa after hundreds of workers staged a sit-in over pay. Workers at the TauTona and Mponeng mines northwest of Johannesburg have since held talks with management and work is expected to resume Sunday night, the company said...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine partner Anglo American's CEO steps down

Alaska Dispatch

Cynthia Carroll, chief executive at London-based mining giant Anglo American, stepped down from her position Friday after six years on the job, the Financial Times reports. Anglo American makes up half of the Pebble Partnership, the group behind the controversial proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

Casting for Conservation: Bristol Bay

Blake Holmes

Vimeo and Global Fly Fisher

I was one of two videographers and the chief editor of this video produced by Sierra Anderson, founder of FoxCape Producions. I was recently given the opportunity to work with several fly fishermen in the Bristol Bay area. It was a great privilege to capture the pristine moments that fly fishing in Alaska have to offer. These people share a great knowledge and passion to preserve and protect the Bristol Bay fisheries. It was an honor and a blast to be a part of this production...Click here to watch

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